**Washington D.C. American Themes “Close Up” Project 2011**

***In Washington D.C., you will explore 3 American themes of your choice at a Memorial of your choice…***

**Before D.C.**

* Choose your Themes
* Research and choose the Monument or Memorial related to your theme that most interests you and has the most meaning for you.
* Prepare a list of pictures to take and questions to answer when you visit the Monument or Memorial in D.C. (A Planning handout and one day in the Media Center will be provided for this)

**In D.C.**

* Visit your monument
* Take 20-30 photos of your monument with most being close-ups of key, symbolic details
* Answer your questions on site, and expand your answers on the bus before you get home.
* Keep your eyes and ears open in D.C for other connections to your theme and take additional photos and notes.

**Back at Harmon**

* Create a 5-7 page Photo study of 7-10 photos that matches up the details in your images with your personal observations and reflections. This photo study will expand upon and complement your Language Arts Washington D.C. Themes Narrative and become a central part of your Washington D.C. Scrapbook. Further instructions will be provided following the trip.

***From November through May- American Identity Project***

* Through the rest of the year you’ll follow your themes through each of our units of study and keep a journal and collection of related historical images. At the end of the year you’ll work with a group to produce a presentation your theme that builds on your D.C. Close Up project and explores the theme through American History from past to present. Your presentation will combine your D.C. images, historical images, and a narrative that you and your partners will author and present.

***NEXT-***

* American Themes
* Recommended Monuments and Memorials
* Questions to Explore in your Photo Study

**American Themes- Choose 3 (These may be different from what you’ve already started working on, but the 3 you choose for DC will be set for the rest of the year**

**Courage**

**Self-Reliance**

**Independence**

**Faith**

**Hard Work**

**Entrepreneurship**

**Justice**

**Idealism**

**Leadership**

**Service**

**Volunteerism**

**Sacrifice**

**Risk Taking**

**Honesty**

**Honor**

**Duty**

**Loyalty**

**Tolerance**

**Inventiveness**

**Humanity**

**Equality**

**Generosity**

**Recommended Monuments or Memorials** (that we will for sure visit in Washington D.C.)

* Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Memorial
* Lincoln Memorial
* FDR Memorial
* World War II Memorial
* Korean War Memorial
* Vietnam Memorial
* Arlington National Cemetery
* Mount Vernon

**Questions to be addressed in your Photo study with your own images and words…**

* How are your themes shown in the monument or memorial that you’ve chosen ?
* What historical events are represented by your memorial overall?
* What stories were told by the details of the memorial ? (Describe your images)
* How did you personally connect with the theme at the memorial ?
* What questions were you able to answer at the memorial ?
* What new questions did the memorial inspire you to ask ?
* How did you see other people reacting and interacting with the memorial ? and, If you met anyone at the Memorial, what did you learn about and from them ?
* Where else did you see your theme represented in Washington D.C. ?

***These questions may be dealt with in any order***